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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Geyserville – Prosecutor Files 33 Charges Against PG&E for 2019 Wildfire

(U) A California prosecutor filed 33 criminal charges against Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) for a 2019 wind-driven wildfire officials blamed on the utility, accusing it of injuring six firefighters and endangering public health with smoke and ash. The company denied that it committed any crimes even as it accepted that its transmission line sparked the blaze. The Sonoma County district attorney charged the utility with five felony and 28 misdemeanor counts in the October 2019 Kincade Fire north of San Francisco. The blaze burned more than 120 square miles and destroyed 374 buildings.

SOURCE: 7 April 2021, [San Jose Mercury News](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) California – Authorities Arrest 18 People After Panga Found Near Mission Beach

(U) Mission Beach – A suspected smuggling boat was found abandoned in south Mission Beach late Monday and 18 people were arrested in a nearby park on suspicion of being undocumented immigrants. US Border Patrol and Marine Interdiction agents were dispatched to the site and began to search the area. They found 18 adults hiding in Mission Point Park. Among those arrested were 10 men and five women from Mexico, and one woman and two men from Guatemala.

SOURCE: 6 April 2021, [San Diego Union-Tribune](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – US Steps Up Sanctions Against Mexican Drug Cartel CJNG

(U) Washington – US President Joe Biden's administration expanded sanctions on a powerful Mexican drug cartel, stepping up pressure as its violent campaign prompts growing concern. The Treasury Department blocked any US assets and criminalized transactions with three people affiliated with Cartel de Jalisco Nueva Generacion (CJNG), which is suspected in the December 2020 assassination of a former governor at a tourist restaurant in Puerto Vallarta.

SOURCE: 6 April 2021, [AFP](#)

(U) Michigan – Seventh Michigan Resident Charged in US Capitol Riot

(U) Taylor – A metro-Detroit man who climbed the wall at the US capitol has become the seventh Michigan resident to be charged in the 6 January riots. Jeremiah Caplinger, 25, of Taylor was arrested and released on bond. Photo evidence shows Caplinger was wearing a Donald Trump hat while climbing up the capitol wall.

SOURCE: 6 April 2021, [WILX](#)

(U) New York – US Charges Cosmetic Executive with Iran Sanctions Violation

(U) Manhattan – US prosecutors charged the president of a New York cosmetics company for his alleged involvement in a conspiracy to violate US economic sanctions on Iran. Michael Rose, president of Forsythe Cosmetics Group LLC, is accused of skirting US sanctions between 2015 and 2018 by arranging

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for the export from the United States to Iran of more than \$350,000 worth of cosmetics. They said an Iranian-based importer with whom Rose was working then used front companies based outside Iran to send payments to New York and to arrange for the shipment of goods to Iran via the United Arab Emirates.

SOURCE: 6 April 2021, [Reuters](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Iran – Iran Has Produced 55kg of 20% Enriched Uranium Since January 2021

(U) Tehran – Iran has made 55-kilograms of uranium enriched to up to 20%, the point at which it is highly enriched, indicating quicker production than the 10-kilograms per month rate required by an Iranian law that created the process in January, Iranian authorities said on Wednesday. The disclosure comes a day after Tehran and Washington held what they described as “constructive” indirect talks in Vienna on Tuesday aimed at finding ways to revive a 2015 nuclear deal between Iran and world powers.

SOURCE: 7 April 2021, [Reuters](#)

(U) Saudi Arabia – Saudi-Led Coalition Destroys Explosive-Laden Drone Launched by Houthis

(U) Khamis Mushait – The Saudi-led coalition fighting in Yemen intercepted and destroyed an explosive-laden drone launched by Iran-aligned Houthis towards the Saudi city of Khamis Mushait on Tuesday. Houthi military spokesman Yahya Sarea said on Twitter that Houthis have targeted “sensitive sites” at King Khalid air base in Khamis Mushait with two drones. He added that the “hit was precise”, but there hasn’t been a confirmation from Saudi authorities.

SOURCE: 6 April 2021, [Reuters](#)

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